

HOUSE BILL 2224  
By Newton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to grading systems in schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-302(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Develop a uniform grading system to be used in grades nine through twelve (9-12). Such system shall assign a numeric range to each of the grades A, B, C, D, and F. The grade of A shall be given for outstanding progress; the grade of B for above average progress; the grade of C for average progress; the grade of D for lowest acceptable progress; and the grade of F for failure. The grade of I shall be given for courses in which a student's work is incomplete at the end of the grading period. A grade of A shall have a grade point average value of 4; a grade of B a grade point average value of 3; a grade of C a grade point average value of 2; a grade of D a grade point average value of 1; and a grade of F or I a grade point average value of 0. Such system shall be used for the purposes of determining eligibility for postsecondary financial assistance that is administered by the Tennessee student assistance corporation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-6-407.

Each LEA shall adopt and use the uniform grading system developed by the state board of education for students enrolled in grades nine through twelve (9-12). Students' grades shall be reported for the purposes of application for postsecondary

financial assistance administered by the Tennessee student assistance corporation using the uniform grading system. For purposes other than reporting students' grades to the Tennessee student assistance corporation, such as the determination of class rankings, LEAs may develop and use a weighted grading system.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to the 2004-2005 school year and school years thereafter.